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SUBJECT: CODEL INOUYE - VISIT TO OLD CITY

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1. ISRAELI EMBASSY MINISTER SHALEV CONTACTED NEA DEP ASST SECY SAUNDERS JANUARY 13 TO RAISE SUBJECT DISCUSSED REFTEL. SHALEV SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY TEL AVIV UNILATERALLY HAD INSTRUCTED MFA DROP TOUR OF OLD CITY WITH MAYOR KOLLEK. SAUNDERS TOLD SHALEV THAT SENATORS FREE TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHERE THEY WOULD GO, AND HE UNDERSTOOD CODEL HAD ASKED FOR DEPT'S GENERAL PRACTICE REGARDING JERUSALEM. CODEL HAD VERY HEAVY SCHEDULE IN JERUSALEM AND HAD ASKED FOR FREE TIME ON THAT DAY WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE TOUR OF EAST JERUSALEM CONDUCTED BY KOLEK. SAUNDERS EXPLAINED THAT EMBASSY WAS PROBABLY REFLECTING DECISION MADE BY CODEL WHEN DISCUSSING SCHEDULE WITH MFA.

2. SHALEV THEN EXPRESSED REGRET THAT DEPT. CONTINUED TO FOLLOW POLICY ON EAST JERUSALEM WHICH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES DID NOT. SAUNDERS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
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HIGH LEVEL VISITORS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAD VISITED OLD

CITY WITH KOLEK BUT POINTED OUT THAT THIS ISSUE RAISED
BROADER QUESTION. U.S. WAS IN SPECIAL POSITION WITH CER-
TAIN RESPONSIBILITIES ON BOTH SIDES. POSITION OF OTHER

COUNTRIES WAS UNLIKE THAT OF U.S. SAUNDERS
REITERATED THAT THE SENATORS WERE FREE TO GO WHERE
THEY LIKED AND WERE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS.
THEIR PROGRAM WAS QUITE FULL AND THEY FELT THEY
WOULD LIKE SOME FREE TIME IN JERUSALEM. SHALEV
DID NOT PRESS MATTER FURTHER. KISSINGER

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